Moving the Mission

The IGP Institute faculty and staff hosted 168 participants from 22 countries in seven on-site courses and 15 domestic distance education participants in the month of August. Here is a quick recap.

Jay O’Neil hosted a group of Japanese sorghum buyers from Agrex. He gave a presentation on U.S. and World Grain markets prices to a visiting group of Australian farmers. He also conducted a China Risk Management course for USSEC, where 17 of the largest Chinese soybean importers participated.

Carlos Campabadal conducted the RAPCO Feed Manufacturing course for 30 Latin American participants. This course was set up as a blended-learning course, where participants participated in lectures via distance prior to arriving. This allowed course participants more time for hands-on workshops focusing on feed processing. They also enjoyed a visit from Kansas Soybean Commission’s Emerging Leaders Class of 2015. It was a great opportunity for the RAPCO visitors to ask questions of Kansas soybean producers. Finishing the month, Carlos coordinated the AFIA–NGFA–KSU Establishing HACCP for the Feed Industry training.

Jay and Carlos also hosted a USDA Cochran Fellowship group of six individuals from Malaysia. The group was interested in grain management for feed and milling. Their two-week stay included a trip to New Orleans to visit an ADM export facility as well as stops at Cargill and Thionville Laboratories.

Mark Fowler also had an active month, hosting a group of USDA–Kansas City Commodity Office professionals. The group spent time in both the Hal Ross and Shellenberger mills.

In addition, grain science faculty members Sajid Alavi and Greg Aldrich hosted trainings and events at the IGP Institute. Sajid’s Extrusion Processing course covering technology and commercialization welcomed 30 industry professionals. Many of those professionals came a day early to participate in the Pet Food workshop led by Greg Aldrich. Sajid also hosted a three-day interactive workshop in partnership with USDA exploring the topic of fortified rice.

Brandi Miller
IGP Institute Assistant Director

Trainings and Activities

Courses and activities held in August.

- Extrusion Processing: Technology and Commercialization
- USDA–KCCO Flour Milling
- RAPCO Feed Manufacturing
- Extrusion-based Rice Fortification Workshop
- Grain Management for Feed and Milling for Malaysia through the Cochran Fellowship Program
- USSEC China U.S. Soybean Market Overview
- AFIA 500 – Fundamentals of Feed Manufacturing

In the Spotlight

- Program Specialist in Health and Nutrition at USDA’s Foreign Agricultural Service
- Native of Toronto, Canada and now resides in Forest Glen, Maryland.

“The K-State Grain Science Department is the leader in this field and the partnership between USDA and K-State is huge.”

Paul Alberghine

IGP Institute Department of Grain Science and Industry
As part of a three-day interactive workshop for extrusion-based rice fortification, participants were able to interact with industry professionals from Wenger Manufacturing.

The Cochran Malaysia Grain Management for Feed Milling participants visit Cargill’s Westwego port facility in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Accolades
by Brandi Miller, IGP Institute Assistant Director
IGP received two exciting announcements. The first was an announcement that Kansas State University, led by Carlos Campabadal, Cassie Jones and Charles Stark, would be a subcontractor in WISHH’s Assisting Management in the Poultry and Layer Industries by Feed Improvement and Efficiency Strategies in Ghana (AMPLIFIES Ghana). You can find more information about this project here.

Near and dear to my heart, the GEAPS/K-State Distance Education program received the University Professional and Continuing Education Association Central Region’s 2015 Celebration of Excellence Award for Innovative Noncredit Program. This award recognizes an outstanding new noncredit program which uses creative ideas in one or more areas or applies ideas in new ways, especially electronic modalities. It is always fantastic when the hard work invested by many is recognized.

Where in the World
A monthly look at where we’ve been as we make our way around the globe promoting U.S. commodities and IGP Institute training opportunities.

• Gave a presentation on U.S. grain markets to visiting group of Australian farmers.
• Conducted a live radio interview on grain storage availability on RFD TV-Radio.
• Attended the GEAPS CEPOC meeting in Kansas City.
• Visited a grain export facility and FGIS in New Orleans.
• Hosted the Kansas Soybean Associations’ Emerging Leaders group.
• Attended the Continuing Education Program Oversight Committee Meeting in Kansas City.
• Attended an industry partnership meeting with GEAPS and IAOM.

Welcome Students
We are excited to have an expanding team of student employees with us this year as we kick off the fall semester. The students represent a wide range of majors including agricultural communications and journalism, agribusiness, and family and consumer sciences education.

The students assist the staff with distance education tasks and communications projects as well as provide front office support.

Left to Right: Jackie Newland, Kelly Hannigan, Eryn Carter, Kylie Blythe, Katrina Polson, Cassidy Anderson and Melissa Grimmel.